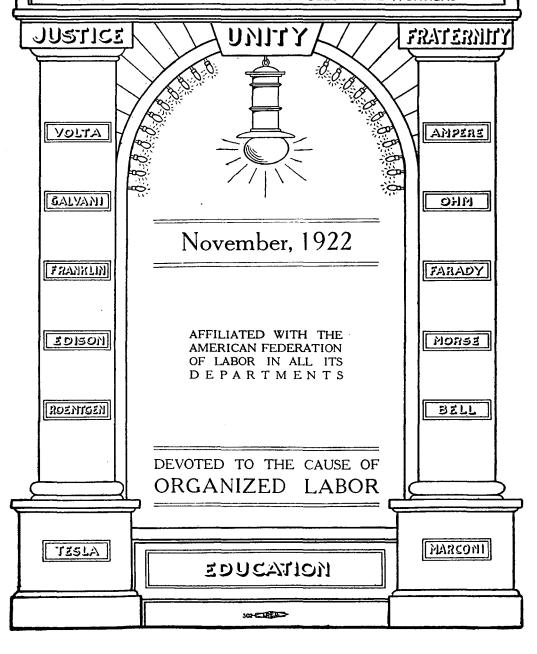
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FRANK J. McNULTY, FORMER PRES. OF THE BROTHERHOOD, ELECTED TO CONGRESS

Drafted back into service by the people, tells the story of the election to Congress of Frank J. McNulty, former President of the Brotherhood and at the present time Chairman of the Executive Council.

There are few men who have as long and enviable record of service in the interest of the people and the cause of humanity as Congressman-Elect Mc-

Nulty. Starting by election to a minor office in the Local Union he held membership in, he soon became Business Representative of the Local Union and rapidly advanced to the position of International Vice President of the Brotherhood; was elected International President at the Salt Lake City Convention in 1903, which office he held continuously until he voluntarily retired at the New Orleans Convention, 1919. However, the members declined to allow him full retirement and unani-

mously elected him Chairman of the International Executive Council, which office he holds at the present time.

Aside from Brother McNulty's service to the labor movement he has held numerous positions of public trust, such as Director of Public Service of Newark, N. J., a member of the U. S. Railway Adjustment Board during the war, which position he relinquished to accept an important commission from President Wilson at one of the most critical stages of the war. The duties of this commission took him to the Italian Front where

he remained until the signing of the Armistice, November 11, 1918.

His election to Congress is a magnificent tribute from his constituency, particularly so when the fact is considered that he was unanimously selected in the primary election and the district he represents gave the candidate of the opposite political party a majority of over fourteen thousand two years ago.

> With Brother Mc-Nulty it has always been the case of the office seeking the man rather than the man seeking the office. a circumstance which provides the answer for the highly efficient and satisfactory manner he has discharged every duty entrusted to him.

On behalf of the membership, we extend the hearty congratulations of the organization and the honor conferred is one he cannot avoid sharing with the Brotherhood, as the organization feels deeply the honor of having one of its

principal officers in our National-Law-Making Body, where we know he will ever be in the vanguard, leading the fight for the people's interests; and there never was a time in the history of the Nation when there was greater need for progressive-minded men in order that constructive legislation may be obtained and the Government once again brought back to the people.



FRANK J. McNULTY
Congressman-Elect From the 8th
District of New Jersey

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FACTS VS. LYING PROPAGANDA

HE fourth month of the Railroad Shopmen's Strike, now drawing to a close, reveals the astounding fact that the men on those railroads that have refused an honorable settlement with their employees are still out and determined to stay out until their employers are willing to agree to terms as fair as the Baltimore agreement, as the basis of settlement.

The word, "astounding" is used advisedly, primarily so because the general public has been led to believe by the Press and employing interests that the strike is over, that the men have lost the strike and have returned to work, and further that the railroads are doing business as usual, having all the men they need, when the facts are that railroad equipment is deteriorating fast, engines and cars being condemned by the scores every day by Government inspectors, until now the total runs into the thousands and is increasing daily with no competent skilled help to do the repairing required.

Power and greed, supported by the greatest aggregation of wealth ever organized for any single purpose, have been unable to break down the resistance of these railroad men. Capital, through the so-called Daugherty injunction and other methods, has been able to bluff and silence the press of the country as to the true conditions surrounding this controversy so that the public has not been able to know the actual conditions prevailing on those railroads whose employees are still out on strike. Were the people to know the facts as they really are, a wave of indignation would sweep over the country that would force would-be unionbusters to hide their heads in shame (like ostriches by burying them in the sand), and would bring about a peaceful adjustment of this controversy.

The loyalty and devotion of the railroad men to their cause is without parallel in the history of the trades union movement. Knowing that all the power wielded by organized wealth was banded together to defeat them, that their organizations had little finances to assist them, they did not hesitate to accept the "Gauntlet" when held out to them.

From every locality come reports of the desperate efforts being made by the managements of various carriers offering every inducement to their employees to return.

Bonuses are offered to foremen for each man they can get to return with them, in one instance as high as \$300 per man being offered, besides back pay in full to July 1, former seniority rights and other privileges being restored. To the credit of these men it can be truthfully said they have turned a deaf ear to these propositions, refusing to turn traitors to their fellow men.

At'this writing signed agreements have been obtained on 130 railroads, 175,000 men have returned to work. Over 200,000 are still out and will remain out until they can return as honorable men on a fair basis. These gallant men are putting up a wonderful battle against tremendous odds, "Unheard of and unsung" except in their own communities. They are waging the fight for all labor, in one of the basic industries in order that the organized attempt on the part of capital to break up the labor unions of this country shall not be successful.

The fight being put up by these men with the successful fight put up by the miners, are the two outstanding factors that have wrecked the hopes of the organized unionbusters. Workers, who are engaged in other industries, must know that the struggle being put up by the railroad shop crafts is not alone for their own benefit but for all workers regardless of industry. Their fight has made it possible for other workers to remain at work, maintaining or adding to their wages or conditions, making it easier to retain their organizations and permitting them to fortify themselves against attacks of greedy employers. These loyal men are fighting labor's battle, and they need assistance and need it now. Winter is approaching and there is great need for food, fuel and in some instances, shelter, as in some localities the brutality of railroad officials, has forced these men out of their homes, compelling them to live in tents in a mountainous country where the winters are unusually severe.

These men are appealing for help so that they won't be forced to surrender, by their children's appeal for bread. The workers gave splendidly to aid those brave boys who went across the seas to fight for democracy. Give now with the same spirit and the same generosity to those who are fighting your fight for humanity.

They can and will win with your help.



rederation The strike of the shop crafts demonstrated the power of federated activity. It proved that the various crafts affiliated with the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor are a mobile and well-disciplined force, and disproved the claim of dreamers, disrupters and others that unity of action through federation is impossible.

The strike also proved to railroad magnates and organized capital in general that even with the support of the courts, the military, National Government officials, and all other reactionary forces, they could not defeat the strikers; therefore, organized capital now has a mansized job on its hands and must set about to destroy by strategy and subterfuge what it could not destroy by brute force. No one is in a position to foretell just what means the railroads will adopt to destroy the effectiveness of the railroad workers' organizations. However, we predict that one method will be the employment of propaganda specialists, whose duties will be to circulate among the railroad organizations, telling them that the strike was not productive of better results on account of the present system of organization. There will be little difficulty on the part of the railroad companies to obtain suitable agents to spread propaganda to that effect, and in many instances the companies will be relieved of the expense of employing paid agents for the purpose, as there will be found a considerable number of job seekers, selfish-minded, disappointed office holders. "intellectual revolutionists" of the Foster type, and others who will have no scruples in telling the workers that their system of organization is all wrong and that by changing the system they will change

The workers heard it when the old Knights of Labor was founded in 1869, when R. H. Ammon founded his One Big Union in 1887, when the American Railway Union was launched in 1893, when the Socialists Trades and Labor Alliance was born in 1895, when the Western Labor Union was organized in 1898, when the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees entered the field in 1900, when the Canadian Order of Railway Men came into existence in 1901, when the I. W. W. challenged the world in 1905, when the Industrial Railroad Union and the Brotherhood of Federated Railway Employees were organized in 1915 and '16, respectively, when the One Big Union came upon the scene in 1919, and when the United Association of Railway Employees made its advent in 1920.

In each instance the workers heard the same line of talk, that their present organizations were non-effective, non-militant, and useless institutions. The leaders of all these movements, each in their turn, set out to capture the trade unions to educate and save them from destruction. They were "the only ones" who understood the problems of labor. Each complained of the backwardness and weakness of the labor movement, and each had a positive cure for all the ills surrounding the workers. Solidarity was the watchword in every

case. Each offered everything in promise, but proved lacking in performance, and with each new organization promoted there is nothing left but the memory of deception, treachery, failure and dissolution. With each new organization attacks were centered upon the "reactionary" officials of the bona fide labor movement.

We do not know what the next modern (?) organization scheme will be named that the company agents, political dreamers, economic dyspeptics and seekers of power will promote. Most every promoter of such institutions attempt to impress those they desire to exploit with the so-called fact that they have a new, original and modern idea, yet after careful analysis of their scheme it is always found that it is the same old vehicle camouflaged with a different colored paint, and inasmuch as it has been some time since the fertile-minded promoters of new types of organizations have attempted to exploit the workers under a so-called amalgamation process, it is quite possible that the next disruptive movement will be disguised as an amalgamation scheme. If the railroad companies and other capitalistic interests who are concerned with the destruction of the effectiveness of the railroad workers' organizations were to ask us for advice as to how they could reach most quickly their desired objective—the destruction of the railroad organizations—and we were unscrupulous, crooked and deceitful enough to accept employment from the big interests, we would probably recommend a plan disguised as amalga-We would point out how, by reaching a few disgruntled national officers of some of the present international unions, who in turn could influence some system, district or local officers that a very elaborate and attractive scheme under the guise of greater solidarity by the process of amalgamation could be worked out, that would quickly divide the railroad shopmen into warring camps, as there would be those whose first thought is lovalty to the international unions and the American Federation of Labor, and others who could be influenced into opposing factions, thus promptly creating dissension and quickly destroying harmony.

The railroad strike smoked out and uncovered many company agents, stool pigeons and detectives. It was found that the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers had its quota of the stripe who, previous to the strike, had been strong in their advocacy of a different form of organization and who had ingratiated themselves into the confidence of the membership. Examples can be cited by referring to such individuals as a certain Pollard (not Bill, from Atlanta), a certain Carnahan, a certain Wilkinson, a certain Monahan, and many others too numerous to mention, each and all had been loud in their condemnation of the present system of organization and equally loud in their

recommendation for some new form of organization.

Therefore, each and every member is admonished to be upon their guard when the seductive promoters start their tirades and begin to unload company propaganda and elaborate upon the merits of new schemes. You will not be very much in error in reaching the conclusion that they have company gold in their pockets, or are schemers for greater power, and have no scruples in bringing about the consummation of desires at the expense of the workers.

Therefore, watch constantly all promoters, exploiters and schemers. Watch them as you would a thief. They are more dangerous but much less courageous.

Courage If you served your country across seas, were wounded appraised or gassed; if you had a son, brother, relative or friend who served and made the supreme sacrifice; if you happen to be one of the many unfortunate crippled products of the war or feel as an ex-soldier you are entitled to adjusted compensation, gain comfort, if possible, from the appraisal the National Administration places upon your courage, as voiced by Assistant Attorney General A. A. Laughlin in a statement to the Court in the Daugherty Injunction Suit, as recently quoted by the Philadelphia Record:

"The courage of the strike-breakers who have carried on in the face of violence—even murder—is greater even than that of the soldiers in France."

And if you desire to know what the National Administration thinks of organized workers, particularly the railroad strikers, you may be interested in the definition of the strikers as made by Attorney General Daugherty in a speech at Canton, Ohio, where he attempted to defend the Government's injunction policy. In the course of his talk he stated:

"Criminals of the worst type, apostles of the ultra-red variety, and crafty power lusting missionaries of discord, mingled in the attack upon life, property, law and government."

So soldiers and trade unionists need have no further doubt of the status they occupy with the officials of our National Government.

Phraseologists W. Z. Foster and his "official staff" of disrupters, like those "superior intellectuals and natural leaders" going before them, are master phraseologists; they are drunk on phrases, and would build a labor movement on catch phrases and magic formulas. Like their predecessors, they have learned to play upon the strings of the heart, touching the tenderest cords of human sympathy, and to paint a vision of the horrors that surround us in such a way that the minds of their followers are taken away from the realities of the earth and the sad facts of life.

Foster's charge that the officials of the labor movement are opposed to his "Educational League" because they are afraid they will lose their jobs, is only a fair sample of the cheap appeal that is being made to every cheap feeling, cheap prejudice, cheap sentiment and passion in a desperate effort to win over a crowd and gain a following.

In posing as a consistent and perfect altruist, as well as a superior intellectual, Mr. Foster omits to make it known that he, himself, and most of his paid aids have been feeding at the worker's trough for more than twenty-five years; that after he left the I. W. W. destitute, and his Syndicalist League blew up, he cleverly worked himself into the confidence of a number of trade unionists and landed a job among the packing-house workers, afterward landing a well-paying berth in the campaign to organize the steel workers; and that just as soon as the steel strike played out, with no job in sight, he again started out to "save" the labor movement and launched his "new" league, which is providing a means for himself and other "natural leaders" to cash in on their "superior intellect" and so-called radicalism.

He made little complaint while on the pay roll of the A. F. of L., and we have yet to learn where he ever returned one penny of the sums received in salary and expenses, or that he donated any part to the cause of his fellows.

Is it true that the labor movement of the United States Are We in and Canada is in "disgraceful and shameful retreat" Retreat? in the present conflict, as claimed? To say yes is to say that the workers are cowards and will not fight to defend themselves. Were this true, no kind, or form of organization could serve them during a struggle. It is true that all the timid and weak—all those who could be frightened, bluffed or coaxed out of the movement have deserted during the storm that has raged for more than two But in spite of all and everything being brought into action against it that oceans of money could influence and buy—in spite of all and everything being done of which skilled brains could think—and in spite of being required to carry the cowardly, deceitful and unappreciative army of unorganized on its back, the labor movement has stubbornly contested, and is still contesting, every inch of the ground. It is still intact; it has not dissolved; and every informed person knows that its damaged units are slowly but surely recovering from the effects of the greatest battle (coupled with the most vicious campaign of starvation) that has ever been waged against any movement of humans in the history of the world.

And what of the unions of Europe which, we are told, are ahead of and superior to those in the United States and Canada? How have they fared? Mr. Foster, who contends the labor movement as constituted at present is all wrong, unconsciously contradicts himself in his "Labor Herald" and admits that:

"The British Trade Union Movement has recently lost quite heavily in membership, and conditions of labor have been somewhat worsened all around. This is largely due to the terrible industrial depression. In addition to this naturally disadvantageous condition, the trade unions are also afflicted with a considerable amount of demoralization. The workers have largely lost heart. The metal workers have been forced to accept the employers' terms, which carry with them heavy wage cuts. It is a big defeat for labor."

In France the workers have not only suffered severely by reason of the condition of industry, but much more so from the disruptive tactics of the "militants and revolutionaries," such as Foster is attempting to direct in his efforts to gain control of the movement in this country and Canada. Mr. Foster himself assures us that:

"Sad disruption has come into the ranks of French labor. A definite split has occurred between the left and right wings of the trade union movement. As things now stand there are two distinct labor movements in France. It is factional war to the knife."

And in Germany Foster also admits that a desperate conflict is raging and that the railroad workers of that country—in February—were denied the right to strike and treated most brutally by the socialist leaders of the government.

So the struggle goes on all over the world—with the difference that the workers of America have long had to combat the rotten and corrupt effort to establish the so-called open shop, an effort the self-appointed saviors have ably assisted. But despite this, and as disagreeable as things may seem, they and their movement have, fortunately, fared far better than those of any other part of the world.

To Save the Open Shop
In his haughtiest and most arrogant days, the Czar of Russia never went to much greater lengths than our present national administration, through its Attorney

General, are going today in their desperate efforts to save the misnamed open shop. They have made the strike-breaking agencies of Messrs. Waddell, Sherman, Baldwin-Felts, and others fade into insignificance as servants of unscrupulous employers. Their policy of concealment has been abandoned. No longer do they attempt to hide behind the hypocrisy of "representative government," but, true to themselves and those they represent, now use the language of gutter aristocrats and openly attempt to emulate other grinning, self-confident tyrants who have ridden roughshod over the rights of the people.

By sneaking into a courtroom to go through the formality of obtaining his iniquitous injunction against the rail workers, and by indulging in the cant that he did, Harry M. Daugherty, speaking for Mr. Harding, simply confirmed the conviction that he is a servant

and pleader for wealthy exploiters of the masses.

Though he knew that the open shop question has not been an issue in the railroad controversy, he made this threat before the court: "So long, and to the extent that I can speak for the Government of the United States, I will use all the power of the Government within my control to prevent the labor unions of the country from destroying the open shop."

What a fraud, outrage and disgrace! What scheming employers cannot do by fair and lawful methods, the Government of the United

States proposes to do by foul and unlawful methods.

But the purpose of these lines is to ask these questions: If the so-called open shop is a good thing, if it means justice and freedom to the workers, why must it be protected by the soldier, the machine gun, the spy, the thug and the injunction judge? And why do the workers always reject it in favor of the trade union whenever they are permitted free choice?

Had Daugherty been fair, and possessed the moral courage to tell the truth, he would have told the people—as some courageous and unbiased churchmen have told them—that the open shop means bogus patriotism, the spy, the sneak, suspicion, treachery, low wages, long hours and slave-day working conditions. It means in most cases that the workman must sign an individual contract that keeps him out of a labor union; and he is followed night and day to see that he does not join one. He must at all times be spied upon and protected by thugs and machine guns to see that he talks to no one who may discuss his needs, or the union question.

More, had Daugherty been truthful he would have told the people that the open-shop movement, like all corrupt and unsound move-

ments, is slowly dying from exposure.

Yes, it is true that Harding and Daugherty, and some others, are perfectly willing that the workers organize—providing they do nothing but pay dues and pass resolutions and have no one to represent them. And it is equally true that if the open-shop movement is to be saved, even temporarily, all the power of the Government will be needed.

Mr. Daugherty may be able to save some wealthy crooks, like Morse, the banker, but he cannot save the deceitful and crooked open shop from its inevitable fate, though he and Mr. Harding are prostituting their high offices in their desperate efforts to do so.

IN MEMORIAM -2-

Bro. James Barr, L. U. No. 9

Whereas the death of Bro. James Barr is deeply regretted by his many friends, fellow workmen and brother trades unionists, in Local Union No. 9 and throughout the Brotherhood; and

Whereas in his life Brother Barr was a kind and true friend, generous, a true and loyal trades unionist and his memory leaves a lasting impression on all who knew him; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of this Local recognize in him one of those noble persons recognize in him one of those noble persons whose life, whose virtues and whose honorable principles are most to be admired in men, and express their great sorrow at his untimely death. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be spread upon our records and a copy be sent

to our official journal for publication.

RALPH A. BREHMAN, WILLIAM D. MARTIN, HARRY SLATER, Committee.

Bro. Robert L. Murray, L. U. No. 177

Whereas it has pleased God in His Infinite wisdom to call from our midst Bro. Robert L. Murray, on October 12, 1922, and Whereas in the loss of our beloved brother

we have lost a staunch and true trade unionist, who was ever loyal to the cause, and the family have lost a kind and devoted husband

family have lost a kind and devoted husband and father, therefore be it
Resolved, That we, the members of Local Union No. 177, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, in regular meeting assembled, pay silent tribute to his memory, and extend to his bereaved relatives our deepest sympathy in this their hour of sadness; and be it further

Resolved That our charter he draved in

and be it further
Resolved, That our charter be draped in
mourning for a period of thirty days, that a
copy of these resolutions be sent to the family
of the deceased, a copy sent to our official
journal for publication and a copy spread on
the minutes of this Local Union.

SAMUEL B. KITCHEN, M. T. RIVERS, E. C. VALENTINE, Committee.

Bro. B. B. Rather, L. U. No. 66

Whereas the untimely death by electrocution

Whereas the untimely death by electrocution of Brother Rather has taken from our midst a beloved and worthy brother; and
Whereas we feel deeply grieved that we are deprived of a member whose ever happy personality brought cheer to his friends and brothers; therefore be it
Resolved, That we, the members of Local Union No. 66, I. B. of E. W., express to our late brother's family our heartfelt sympathy and we pray our Heavenly Father to comfort them in their sorrow; be it further
Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family, and a copy be sent to the official journal for publication and a copy be spread on the minutes of the Local Union, and the charter of our Local Union be draped for a period of thirty days.

J. B. SHARPLESS,

J. B. SHARPLESS, J. G. WALTON, J. C. BAILEY, Committeemen.

Bro. Geo. Nally, L. U. No. 713

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst by death our friend and brother, Geo.

Milly; therefore be it
Resolved, That the members of Local Union
No. 713, of Chicago, Ill., express their most
sincere sympathy to his family; and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and also published in our official journal.

GEO. J. PAULSEN, JOSEPH VASEK, JOSEPH W. STASTRY, Committee on Resolution.

Bro. Arnold W. Withrow, L. U. No. 48

What greater love has any man for his country than he who lays down his life for it?

Whereas it has pleased Almighty

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call from this earthly sphere Arnold W. Withrow, to that bourn from which no traveler ever returns and in that bivouac he will sleep until that great reveille is called which will join us all together in that promised land beyond the grave.

There is no death, that which we call death is merely transition. Gone from earthly trials and from our sphere of acquaintance we will miss you, but we would not wake you from your sleep. In mark of respect and remembrance of our beloved brother, that the charter will be draped for a period of thirty days, copy be spread on the minutes, a copy be sent to the bereaved family and a copy sent to our official journal for publication. to our official journal for publication.

E. T. BEMIS, Chairman; ERNEST RUSSELL, J. D. M. CROCKWELL,

Bro. J. T. Timmons, L. U. No. 784

Brother J. T. Timmons, harkening to the

Brother J. T. Timmons, harkening to the Divine command has gone to that undiscovered land from which bourn no traveler has ever returned. Stricken down in January, 1922. God in His infinite wisdom called him from our midst on October 17, 1922. His many noble qualities, buoyant in spirits, light heart and deep affections will ever remain fresh in the memories of those who knew him best.

We recognize that in his untimely taking away Local Union No. 784 has lost a true, loyal and worthy member, the country a good and loyal citizen, and the home a faithful and devoted husband and father. Therefore be it Resolved, That we bow our heads in prayer to the Almighty God that his soul may rest in eternal peace, and that the members of Local Union No. 784 extend their deepest sympathy to his family and friends in this their hour of grief and sorrow; that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days in token of respect to his memory, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to our official journal for publication, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of Local Union No. 784.

Not gone from memory nor from love,

Not gone from memory nor from love, Rut to our Father's home above. Free from all sorrow, grief and pain, Our loss is his eternal gain. W. L. HARRISON. Secretary.

Bro. C. W. Young, L. U. No. 584

Whereas we, the members of Local Union 584, I. B. E. W., of Tulsa, Okla., have been called upon to pay our last tribute of respect and high esteem to our brother, C. W. Young, who suddenly departed from us in his prime of life; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Local Union No. 584, extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to the relatives and friends of our departed brother; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved relatives, a copy be sent to the official journal for publication, and a copy be spread on the minutes of our local, and our charter be draped for a period of thirty days. thirty days.

Bro. Hugo Peters, L. U. No. 494

Whereas God, our Creator, in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our esteemed Brother Hugo Peters, who was a credit to his friends and loyal to his organization; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a union in brotherly love, pay tribute to his memory by expressing our sorrow at our loss and extend to his family our deepest sympathy in their hour of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days in due respect to his memory, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to our official journal for publication and a copy be spread on the minutes of Local Union No. 494, I. B. E. W.

Bro. Mason Murphy, L. U. No. 703

Whereas we, the members of Local Union No. 703, International Brotherhood of Elec-trical Workers, mourn the loss, through fatal accident, of our esteemed Bro. Mason Murphy; and

Whereas we deeply regret the sad occasion that deprives us of the companionship and assistance of a kind and faithful brother; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Local Union

Resolved, That the members of Local Union No 703, International Brotherhood of Electri-cal Workers, extend their sincere and most heartfelt sympathy to his parents and rela-tives, in this their hour of sorrow and sad-ness; and be it further

ness; and be it further
Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be
sent to the bereaved parents, a copy sent to
the official journal for publication, and that
a copy be spread on the minutes of our Local
Union, and that our charter be draped in
mourning for a period of thirty days.

RICHARD SHOULDERS, EMIL M. SCHULTZ, Resolution Committee.

Bro. Roy R. Renick, L. U. No. 125

Whereas there has passed from Whereas there has passed from among us our fellow worker, Bro. Roy R. Renick, and Whereas Bro. Roy R. Renick was a true and loyal member of Local Union No. 125, I. B. E. W., and Whereas his memory is cherished as a worthy brother of our organization and a good citizen of our community; now there-

fore be it

fore be it
Resolved, That we the members of Local
Union No. 125, I. B. E. W., of Portland, Ore.,
do hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy to
his bereaved family and relatives in this
their hour of sorrow; and be it further
Resolved. That our charter be draped for
a period of thirty days, a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, one
copy to the official journal of our International
Brotherhood, and one copy spread on the
minutes of our Local Union.

MERLE DeA. CARR, Correspondent, L. U. No. 125, I. B. E. W.

Bro. Albert Mathias, L. U. No. 9

Whereas it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from our midst our esteemed brother and fellow worker, Bro. Albert Mathias, who has won a place in the hearts of all his associates; therefore be it Resolved, by Local Union No. 9 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, That we do most solemnly mourn his untimely loss. and sincerely sympathics with his hearts.

loss, and sincerely sympathize with his be-reaved daughter; and be it further Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon our records and that a copy be sent to our official journal for publication.

RALPH A. BREHMAN,

W. O. WILSON,

JAMES HALL.

HARRY SLATER,

Committee.

Secretary.

Bro. Patrick J. Shevlin, L. U. No. 296

Whereas there has been taken from our midst by death Bro. Patrick J. Shevlin; and Whereas Brother Shevlin was a true and loyal member of L. U. 296, I. B. E. W.; and Whereas his memory is cherished by those who knew him; now, therefore be it

who knew him; now, therefore be it
Resolved, That we, the members of Local
Union 296, I. B. E. W., of Berlin, N. H., do
hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy to his
bereaved relatives in this their time of sadness; and be it further
Resolved, That our charter be draped for a
period of thirty days, and a copy of these
resolutions be sent to his wife, one copy to
the official journal of the I. B. E. W. and
one copy to be spread upon the minutes of
the Local Union.

JOHN A. HAYWARD,
Secretary.

Secretary.

Bro. N. F. McCall, L. U. No. 125

Whereas there has passed from among us our fellow worker, Bro. N. F. McCall; and Whereas Bro. N. F. McCall was a true and loyal member of Local Union No. 125, I. B. E. W., and

Whereas his memory is cherished as a worthy brother of our organization and a good citizen of our community; now therefore be it

fore be it
Resolved, That we, the members of Local
Union No. 125, I. B. E. W., of Portland, Ore,
do hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy to
his bereaved wife and relatives in this their
hour of sorrow; and be it further
Resolved, That our charter be draped for a
period of thirty days, a copy of these resolutions forwarded to the bereaved family, one
copy mailed to the official journal of our
International Brotherhood, and one copy to be
spread on the minutes of our Local Union.

MERLE DEA. CARR,
Correspondent, L. U. No. 125, I. B. E. W.

To Edwin "Mickey" McCabe

Poor little Mickey from this world has passed. The cruel cough that gripped him has won out at last.

But this be it said to his honorable name. That Mickey McCabe to his last breath was game

To no one did Mickey his torture e'er tell; Ever as cheerful as though he were well. Ever forgetting his own malady, But the plight of another he ne'er failed to

see. Harsh words against him there may have been

Harsn worus against said.

But more sinned against than sinner was Ed.
Jolly good fellow and loved by the boys
For he shared in their troubles and shared in
their joys.

He was a man whom we'll not soon forget. So this we have said and we'll say it again. That Mickey McCabe was a man anlong men. ROLLO SPERGER.



CORRESPONDENCE



L. U. NO. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Editor:

OCAL UNION No. 1, I. B. E. W., extends greetings to all members of the Brotherhood. Prospects are good for a continuance of very good times during the winter months. There is a considerable amount of building going on and others in prospect. We, of course, as others, have our slack and busy times. There is no rush just now, nor do we look for any crowding until spring shows up. The Federal Cold Storage Company is rushing its building on North Broadway. The work is in the hands of O. M. George Company, of Chicago, Ill., which has just finished a similar plant in Kansas City, Mo. The electrical work is in the hands of very competent members of the I. B. E. W. A goodly number of No. 1 brothers are employed, and peace and harmony seem to prevail.

Bro. Al Lindsay, of Local Union No. 134, is in charge as superintendent and Al seems to have a faculty of pushing a job without complaint from employer or employee. Al takes this opportunity of sending greetings to all his friends from coast to coast.

Bro. G. J. Wilson, card No. 332925, of Local Union No. 540, Canton, Ohio, is acting as foreman and all seem satisfied with his treatment, even myself, who is getting old and crabbed, can find no fault with him.

This job is the latest in refrigeration and engineering and no expense has been spared to make it the best building of its kind in the country. E. W. Sproul Construction Co., of Chicago, are the general contractors, the work being doing for Mr. P. de C. Ball direct.

The total horsepower of the plant is 1,500 and the main units are one 300 horsepower and two 450 horsepower direct driven synchronous motors in connection with the Ballice machines, having a total capacity of 800 tons of refrigeration. The ice making capacity is 300 tons daily and the storage space on the six floors totals three million cubic feet with an ice house storage of 15,000 tons.

In this city we set all electrical units irrespective of size or tonnage, and the cold storage job was handled without a hitch. At the present writing there are about 20 men on the job, myself included.

Other work here is mostly of residents and they are not very large either. Local Union No. 134, of Chicago, surprised the Brotherhood by having a letter recently in the WORKER. I say, do it again soon, for if nobody else cares, I do.

The press secretary of Local Union No. 2 has failed us for two or more issues of the JOURNAL. Don't get weak-kneed, brother, but give the members the benefit of your very bright ideas.

Bro. Billie Trenwith passed through our town on a "tour" in his "flivver." He stopped over long enough to make a visit to your humble servant. When he left it was understood that he was to stop on his way back to Chicago, but he made tracks some other way. It is all right, Billie, we were glad to see you and hope to have the pleasure again soon.

The traveling brothers frequently hunt up the lonesome old man, and go over pleasant recollections of long ago. If any come this way and are not broke, come around. Prohibition has forced us to extend verbal instead of substantial courtesies.

Wishing all brothers and (as a matter of course) sisters of the I. B. E. W. the best of conditions and that more press secretaries will take time to write letters occasionally, I remain,

Yours fraternally, BALDY.

L. U. NO. 2 ST. LOUIS, MO.

Editor

There are some who need a bomb to disturb their tranquil thoughts and who just seem satisfied, no matter how things go. They don't want to think and they sure put up a holler when some kind Samaritan wants to think for them, and seem to expect our grand officers to dress up like Santa Claus and go among them distributing gifts or something showing how wonderfully kind they are and how much they want to do for each little (and big) individual local by some powerful deed. But among the gifts they don't feel that advice is a gift at all. but a sort of a curse and if not to their liking it ought to be ignored altogether. When we get the warning to vote for the ones who are favorable to organized labor they feel that the I. B. is trying to run them even to politics and religion, and they are 100 per cent American and just won't be run. All right, old top, that's just exactly what we want and I believe the Grand Office will bear me out, if you have a perfectly good religion stick to it. If it makes a better man of you, preach it; may be it will help some other brother out.

But politics! Well, we have tried a little of everything and what we got out of it is a fine framing, and if you don't believe you're framed just step back and look at your picture. You're there, all right. You might have to look twice to recognize your-

self. You're not even allowed the old-time privilege of being nailed to the wall. They gave that up because people preached about the Man of Nazareth being a martyr and nailed Him to the cross. So they adopted a chain for your little frame and now they are putting bars across it so you won't get out and bite some one. The only trouble with the most of you is your politics and your crap game are all mixed up and you are in hopes you'll catch a winner the next time she comes around; you vote because all are voting and you shoot craps because there is a game on.

Listen to this little tale. It's true, for I can prove it by the parties involved. Right out here in Missouri on the M. K. & T. is a town called Hamburg. A farmer living there raised sheep for a living, and deciding to lay in his winter's supply brought his sheep to St. Louis and sold them. When paying the freight he found he owed the railroad company 20 cents per head more than he received for his sheep. He had a little piece of land so he had to pay it. He raised those sheep, fed them good corn and gave his labor for a year, and then not only lost his sheep but had to pay 20 cents a piece for the privilege. The railroads got the legislation that allowed them to actually steal this man's property in such a lawful manner that the poor cuss only had the sole privilege of mortgaging his farm to live this winter.

That's politics and good business combined, and now I guess if Warren needs anything more at Washington to do business on he'll ask the dear people for it and hope (?) he'll get it. I haven't anything against his party; it was still the same bunch, that one time had certain principles that Warren just didn't seem to get right. I will confess I voted that way once myself, but right now I'm a good listener.

The American Federation of Labor I understand is sending a bunch of questions to the candidates for Congress and Senate. I have read them over and they are as fair as can be. I hope the A. F. of L. publishes just how these questions were answered; and if they don't answer at all, then, by George, they can't expect my vote.

The Grand Office published a list of names to avoid, and being right in Washington, with the railroad strike on, know pretty nearly what those "ginks" have done, and I for one am just going to say right here and now, "I'm voting no ticket this time." I might be a Democrat, Socialist or Republican this time, for I've had plenty of what I have got and hope there are enough others whose broadening power has not had a backset and will listen this time to some who have had a little experience in studying conditions all over the country and are not on the side of the safe and sane happiness politics that have bought up everything in sight till Germany's debt is paid.

> H. J. SOLLIDAY, Press Secretary of No. 2.

L. U. NO. 21, PHILADELPHIA, PA. Editor:

"WHAT THEY SAID"

Lasalle said the working man will have no sense until he has to eat potato parings. While we have not arrived at the point where we are compelled to eat potato parings we should have sense enough to see that the day is not far off when we will have to eat them unless we organize. We must find new ways and means to accomplish results, and while I have belonged to the union 21 years and am proud of what we have accomplished, I think we could do better by using up-to-date and day-ahead methods, advertising, etc. I am not advocating a new union but a superior one. To this end I recommend that we should avoid all secrecy, passwords and the rest of mummery. We really have nothing to hide. Our requests and demands on our employers are moderate and would be granted if the public knew the facts. Then why should we be secretive about it? It only gives the professional spy a chance to make a living. To this end I would suggest an "Open Shop" of our own. Membership could be divided in two classes -active and passive members, active members paying full dues and receiving full benefits. Passive members-any man working at the trade to be welcome at our meetings, being fellow workmen they are fellow sufferers and should be taken care of, especially when companies demand of their men not to bolong to the Union. Being silent partners I am sure they would not kick to pay the pro rata of expenses. Would like to hear from other locals on this subject.

Some time ago while speaking to one of the organizers, I asked him what luck he had getting members and what he was doing to earn his money, and being a truthful fellow, he told me could do nothing, but if we would bring the fellows to the meetings he would organize them. That's how I got the idea of open meetings. There are about 80 per cent of non-union linemen in the city of Philadelphia, who never have been tabulated and no organizer is able to approach them, because he is a stranger to them and most of them are union-shy. Fifty per cent can be depended on or compelled to act as strikebreakers. We have not the means to place a business agent in the field. Now since the organizers cannot organize, being strangers and not able to approach, why not do without them and save the expenses and reduce the per capita?

In urging governors of coal-producing States to join with him in breaking the strike of the coal miners President Harding said: "Your State government and the Federal Government are jointly responsible for maintaining conditions under which free men, willing to work, may work in safety.

Lincoln said—and his words of wisdom are as filled with truth today as when they were uttered: "Monarchy itself is sometimes hinted at as a possible refuge from the power of the people. In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit raising a warning voice against this approach of returning despotism."

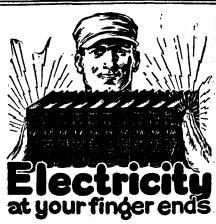
It is not needed or fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions but there is one point with its connection not so hackneyed as most others, to which I ask brief attention. It is the effort to place capital on an equal footing with if not above labor in the structure of government; it is assumed that labor is available only in connection with capital, that nobody labors unless somebody else owning capital somehow, by the use of it, induces him to labor.

Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration.

No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty; none less inclined to take or touch aught which they have not honestly earned. Let them beware of surrendering a political power which they already possess and which, if surrendered, will surely be used to close the doors of advancement against such as they, and to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them till all of liberty shall be lost.

Some people may think it right to protect free men willing to work, but who are the free men willing to work, the strikebreakers? They are not free men. Months of idleness and starvation are the unjust circumstances which compel them to take other men's jobs. A man working in a com-munity generally lives there, and as a citizen he owes the community certain debts, which he must fulfill in order to be a good citizen. In return the community owes him protection; but when an employer exploits his workmen to such an extent for his own benefit that the wages they receive are insufficient to make a fair living for themselves and their dependents, then a man has a right to protest, to strike, and the community should uphold him. But when men are imported to take strikers' jobs, supported by gunmen, then something is wrong. We have excluded the Chinaman and other cheap laborers from the Orient. Laws have been passed to restrict emigration from Europe. Our boys went to France and fought for liberty, but when they returned received the shadow of liberty but not the substance. The constitution says: There must not be involuntary servitude. That statement is as clear as English language can make it. It has but one meaning. It declares, in plain terms, that no worker can be held to his task. Then why all this injunction stuff and the rattle of sabers and machine guns to compel men to work? The public can be blind to its duties as citizens while workers are forced to accept injustices, but if the workers strike and the public is inconvenienced a loud enough howl about "the rights of the public" are heard from editorial scribblers and press agents in the employ of the capitalistic press, which also says that unionism must be curbed. Now I will suggest before any curbing is done, to grade and smooth out the road to a fair living and you may curb it afterwards.

Benjamin Franklin saw France at the heyday of its mad career toward revolution. He knew what was wrong, when the noble men had silk curtains on the stable windows and fine inlaid wood in the horses' stalls, while the roads were filled with beggars crying for bread. Are we not repeating the blunders of the French of that distant day? See our idle rich wallowing in luxury and pleasure, while thousands are hungry. What



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will the irresponsible tools those who have lately been used as strikebreakers by the capital, do when they become frenzied by hunger? Let us hope and pray for our country's sake for the best; remain loyal. With best wishes.

Yours fraternally, THEO. H. WOTSCHEK. Press Secretary.

L. U. NO. 104, BOSTON, MASS.

Just a word from Boston to say our local is coming back slowly but surely. We expect to have it back to our old strength before another year rolls by. All our members are working, but to me it looks as if we may run short of work this winter unless Kind Providence sends on another sleet storm like last year's, as at present we seem to be getting floaters from all points of the globe. While they are always welcome in No. 104 still it gives the companies doing work a rather independent

Fraternally yours, D. A. MCGILLIVRAY. Press Secretary.

L. U. NO. 110, ST. PAUL, MINN.

Some of the fellows have asked me not to write any more sermons as they hear enough of them in church, so here goes for some important news from this lo-

Brown is sporting a diamond as big as a three-quarter lock nut. He said it cost him about-well, somewhere around between-well, it cost enough, anyhow.

"One swallow does not make a summer," as the old saying goes. We have a different saying among the boys in our local, "One ton of coal to Deitz does not make a winter." I met Henry the other day and he told me he only had two meals that day -oatmeal and cornmeal. Well, we can say what we please about Henry; he has it on all of us. He is forty years old and has been out of work for forty years.

It is too bad about Smithy. I think that he has a toothache or an awful cold, because he was at our last meeting and we did not hear a word from him.

Our Hon. Bro. Frank Fisher is a very busy man these days. As an orator he has Dan W. Lawler or Wm. J. Bryan backed off the boards. As we are going to hold our

An Amazing Raincoat Offer

Goodyear Mfg.Co.,45%-RDGoodyear Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., are offering to send a Goodyear Combination Top and Raincoat to one person in each community who will recommend it to friends. If you want one, write today. State election in November he is making about twenty or thirty speeches every night.

Bill Boland told me this one. He said that he and Kenney were riding up Seventh Street in Kenney's Ford and they met Cover walking up the street, and Kenney hollers to Cover asking him if he would take a ride, and Cover said, "No, I think I will keep right on walking as I am in a hurry."

We do not see much of John Hoy at our meetings lately. They tell me he has turned out to be a regular "Cake Eater;" hangs around soft drink parlors eating root beer and drinking ice cream, and that he has a girl. Well, you can't tell what these young fellows are going to do next these days.

We have tried out a new stunt at our meetings. We are giving away a month's dues at each meeting. The lucky ones so far have been E. L. Duffy, Nic. Thill and our handsome President, Brother Brissman.

We moved into our new home the first meeting in October. Our new Labor Temple, while not completed, is a great improvement on some of the buildings that we had been meeting in, and it will stand as a lasting monument to the loyalty and integrity of organized labor in St. Paul.

PRESS SECRETARY.

L. U. NO. 122, GREAT FALLS, MONT.

Local No. 122 is still on the map, though we haven't been saying very much lately. We are already busy with preparations for our annual ball, which occurs New Year's Eve. In past years the electricians have been credited with making this occasion the most beautiful and spectacular event of the city's festivities, and the committee this year say that our reputation will not suffer from this year's effort.

Brother Petersen, who served last year as our very efficient president, has left us, the lure of California having proven too strong. Rumor has it that Dan Cupid figured as an assistant to the California climate in inducing him to stay a while. We miss you, Brother Petersen, and hope that California skies and maids may always smile. Brother Wysong, too, has left Great Falls, having accepted a position of importance in a large cement plant in the southern part of the State. Several of our members are enjoying vacations, fishing, and hunting bear, etc. A bear's pelt would look pretty fine in the rooms, Brother Fagg.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE P. HURST. Press Secretary.

L. U. NO. 140, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

Editor:

I must inform a few of our members about that great bankers' convention in New York. The convention represented twenty-three thousand bankers in the good United States of America, and of course our good union friend, Andrew J. Frame, of Waukesha, Wis., had to be there with bells on, and he was the champion of the anti-branch bank element in that great convention.

Previously I stated any fool can be a president of a bank, but it takes a wise man to be a mechanic. Remember, brothers, this Andrew J. Frame called us union drones. Let me call to your attention why I am convinced that he is a fool, and obnoxious to society.

Obviously, there must have been three to one that were fools in the convention and it showed distinctly that their brains haven't moved in the past fifty years, and the only thing that they do know how to do now is to shake hands with their suckers or plead for normalcy.

The president of the State bank division, Rudolph S. Hecht, president of Hibernian Trust and Savings Bank of New Orleans, took up the issue in his annual report, saying in part:

"There is all the difference in the world between the unrestricted expansion of branch banks on the English and Canadian principles and the permission to operate several offices within the same municipality in which the principal office is located. The one really does carry with it the danger of too much concentration of power in the hands of a few. The other is usually more of a convenience to the public—they bring the bank to the people."

Of course, he doesn't know that the banks of the world have originated through economic circumstances of civilization of humanity and the first bank was organized in Vienna in the year of our Lord 1487 for the good of the public. Of course that is something of the past, but economics then are just the same today.

I am here today to tell you brothers the only reason why the Bankers' Association is so anxious to do away with the branch banks. The workers are beginning to realize they are credit and without credit there would be no banks in this wide world, and they are concentrating their credit in one large bank, and forming small branch banks for the good of the public in small municipalities and Andrew J. Frame doesn't want us to do so, simply because they are sure to lose their jobs, and we will have a lot of small Frames, building homes for the working class.

Please do not forget that Local No. 140 is on record to open a Cooperative Bank in Schenectady, and the All-American Cooperative Society of United States is going to send one of its representatives shortly so we can organize and run a bank by the people for the good of the people.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN DECORAH.

L. U. NO. 141, WHEELING, W. VA.

Editor

I can not recall the last time we had a letter in the WORKER, so I am going to tell the electrical workers some of our troubles beginning January 1, 1921.

On January 3, 1921, we received a notice that after April 1, 1921, our agreement would be null and void. But any time after March 1 a committee from our association will meet a committee from your Local Union to negotiate a new agreement. We elected a committee and the committee elected a chairman, and the contractors were notified that the committee was in waiting and who the chairman was and gave his address and 'phone number. We received no reply to this letter, and so were locked out April 1, 1921.

After we were out six weeks we understand that that letter had just gotten to the contractors' association. Of course they would stand behind their secretary for not bringing it in before, but we had to stand the blunt of it.

We had always been on rather friendly terms with the contractors in the past, and, to have that friendly spirit broken off without any apparent reason, we naturally tried to find out what had happened, but they refused to see us or have anything to do with us. We, along with the other crafts, went to the City Council and asked them to aid us in getting a meeting with the contractors, but they were turned down also. We then went to some very influential men, such as preachers, lawyers, etc., but they, too, were turned down.

The contractors then got an injunction. This was fine. The contractors then began to bring in men from outside and we were not allowed to even speak to them. We were told that some of these men carried cards in other local unions. They paid their dues for three months in advance, then came to work. Of course they did not use their right names while here. never saw any of them after working hours; they stayed in their rooms. Where these rooms were no one could tell, as they changed places often. When their dues were due again they laid off; went back home; paid their local union three more months' dues; then came back again. We are not condemning the Electrical Workers Unions, but we want those who have lent their aid to try to tear down conditions here for us, to know that we consider them in the same class as the scab. This is October, 1922, our nineteenth month locked

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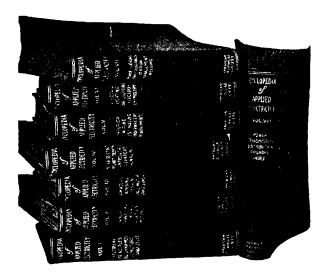
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out. We are doing what work we can get, but that is not any of the large jobs.

This city depends on the mills and coal mines mostly, and they were down and things were very bad.

We had three of our brothers to leave the ranks and do the "buck"—C. H. (Bunk) Davis, John W. Smith and Clyde Beal. The latter two because the Local Union could not keep them any longer; the first one had no reason whatever. There is one other, Herbert Freede, who worked on a permit for about three weeks previous to our trouble. He is doing the "buck."

Well, the labor unions of this valley have just finished their Labor Temple and are moving into it. Perhaps we will see the time when things are settled up and then we can enjoy it much better.

Will close for this time, wishing all the brothers the best of luck.

Fraternally yours,

E. H. HAGAN, Secretary.

L. U. NO. 188, CHARLESTON, S. C.

Editor:

Just a few words from Local Union No. 188. So far, all of my letters have had the honor of missing the waste basket. Here's hoping this will also miss it.

Well, brothers, as for news, we have none. Things seem as dull as ever and nothing in view. Bro. "Smoky" Woods is up the country in a place called Mountville working on cows and chickens. Some one said that he was a doctor. I would like to know how a rough neck like him could be called a doctor of cows.

Looking through this month's WORKER I noticed that only ten letters were in it and yet look at the number of locals in the Brotherhood. I think that it would be a good idea if all the Locals would make use of the Worker by writing every month and let the rest of the world know how conditions are around the country. In that way it would help a floating brother out. He would know what part of the country to hit. It would also help the Local's secretary many times. Now is the time to let each other know what is going on, not when it is too late. So let us all get busy and make our WORKER worth while and don't leave it all up to Brother Ford.

Brother Schulken said he had his fortune told the other day, and the bird told him that he was going to be poor until he was forty years of age and after that, well, he would be used to it. Plenty of consolation at that, hey?

Best wishes to all.

J. J. BARRINEAU, Press Secretary.

L. U. NO. 193, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Editor:

Just a few lines from Local No. 193 to let all the boys know that we are still on the job. We have the city light 100 per cent. And from one to five members on all other jobs around here.

We had our charter open for 60 days and took in about 20 members. About two-thirds of them were ground men. All the brothers have been working rather steady. Hope we will continue to do so.

The Public Service Company has just built a high line from Kincaid to the city limits for the Illinois Power Company, which will carry the line to their power house. The Illinois Power Company does not, or at least has not been hiring any card men. We have several ex-brothers employed there who are now stockholders and seem to have forgotten the oath they have taken. These stockholders receive a dividend of seven dollars a year from each share. Of course we are not able to say at present how many shares each and every stockholder should purchase before he is entitled to vote, but it has happened the stockholders have been fired without notice.

We have been having quite a time here in the Federation of Labor. The president of the Federation of Labor had ten charges preferred against him. When the trial committee was elected he called an organizer from the A. F. of L. and had the charter suspended to keep from standing trial, but we think things will be straightened out all O. K.

Local No. 193 has gone into the District with the locals within a hundred miles' radius of St. Louis. Bro. Fred Hues was elected our delegate. We think it will help to organize the territory if all locals will work together.

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Yours fraternally,
C. PASS,
Press Secretary.

L. U. NO. 196, ROCKFORD, ILL.

Editor:

I have skipped a couple of issues but I am back again. News has been awfully scarce around here. Everybody is doing some kind of work, so it's not so hard on the boys. It looks as though times are going to change. In the meantime I would not advise any brothers to come here looking for work. When things pick up so that we will be short of men, why I will let them know by the WORKER.

Rockford had the honor of being host to several real union men last week. The Illinois State Federation of Labor held their fortieth meeting at the Mendelssohn Hall in North Main Street and it was one of the greatest weeks in their history, thanks to the great work of Bro. Art Johnson and Brother Lewis, of the Carpenters, and all of the Convention Committee, who worked hard to make the convention a success.

Our President, Samuel Dunn, made the opening address and he sure throws a wicked speech. He just loves the Chamber of Commerce. They have decided that they need Dunn; so don't be surprised if you hear of him being elected president of the Cham-

ber of crooks. Oh, pardon me, I meant Chamber of Commerce. I think he could make the grade if he had Brother Payne smoothing over all the leaks. He is pretty good handling a brush, but Brother Da Kato still likes his hootch. He and Brother Owen don't go out together any more. They meet themselves coming home.

One of our brothers tried to catch a cow the other day but the farmer caught him at it. He had the cow's "goat" already and I guess the farmer's, too, because he was going to sue him for damages, but he let him go because the calf, which it turned out to be, would not call itself dead. We have another brother who is trying to run in competition with John D. by trying to run his car with kerosene. What would you do with a fellow like that if he was driving a Ford? We wouldn't think anything of it.

Bro. Hank Fortune still takes all the money from the boys on the other end of the hall in dues and insurance. Brother Powers is acting vice president, while Brother Summers is in California. He will be back next month. Brother Edward has finally received his WORKER, so we won't hear from him for a while. Brother Cox is still in his first childhood. Brother Fideli is always late trying to think of some "Bull." He is getting pretty bad. All the rest of the boys are fine. I can't say too much about all of them because when the rest read this I will need some protection, so if you don't hear from me the next time, why you will know what happened to me.

Fraternally yours,
Sam Sassali,

Press Secretary.

L. U. NO. 205, OMAHA, NEBR.

Editor:

It's a long, long time since you heard from No. 205. Somebody shook the bed and we all woke up to the fact we are still in the ring and going to keep the good fight up till we win. The Union Pacific Railroad claims it will have nothing to do with the union. So if any of the brothers are well enough off to travel, please don't buy your ticket by the way of the Union Pacific Railroad or any other road that has not signed up. Travel and ship by railroads that have signed up, and ship your freight likewise.

We had twenty ex-brothers who were yellow and weak-kneed and went back scabbing. We are sure of fifteen and have judgment on them as to Article 32, Section 3, with a \$500 fine. So if you should see any of these birds give them the "dead leg." Their names are in the notices. This is what some of the boys think of the birds that went back:

A few things that resemble a scab:

A monkey in some respects resembles a human being. So does a scab.

A parrow talks, but has no brains; same as a scab.

A flea never turns its back on anybody. Neither does a scab.

A whiskey keg is usually full of whiskey. So is a scab.

A fly is always in somebody's business but its own. So is a scab.

A ham is not a damn bit of good until it has been hung. Neither is a scab.

A. N. Murdock, Secretary.

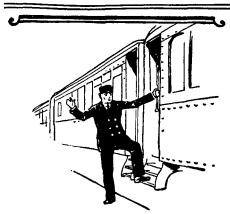
L. U. NO. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Editor:

Rudyard Kipling, Irvin Cobb, Basil King and other famous writers receive their inspirations on the Great White Way, at the Lamb's Club or possibly during a trip over the Alps. I, not being so fortunate, must get mine "shooting crockery" in blind attics, which makes it extremely hard for me to interest the readers very often.

Must say that the I. O. is very considerate as I have never in my long experience had a letter held out, regardless of its lack of interest. Thanks to our worthy editor, Brother Ford.

Met the champion "wanderlust" of the country, Bro. T. Bunning, the other day, who must have had in mind taking the next train out as he barely had time to bid the



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time of day and beat it. I have not seen him since.

Brother Schwartz appears quite prominent in his new business coupe, which he has recently put on the roads. Be careful, Jack, not long ago I saw a perfectly new Dodge wedged between two street cars a total wreck. It brought to my mind one of the latest advertisements in the automobile industry: "The Dodge Brothers announce conservative changes in the body lines of their new car."

Brother Behrman is again with us and looks none the worse over his latest move. Al must have picked a real good wife, as she lets him out every Wednesday night.

It might be news to some to mention a recent increase in Bill Slater's family. There were four of them all together, two were born dead. Bill said if the other two had lived he could get fifty dollars apiece for them. Latest bulletin, Bruno was doing nicely.

Jimmy Quinn was a late visitor at the Executive Board meeting the other night. I did not remain for the finale, but his suspicious actions left me in doubt whether

or not to call up Mr. Volstead.

Wish to notify all brothers to avoid the company of both Fagley and Goebel. I think they are about to enter the Dry Cleaning business. I have given them the title of Gold Dust Twins, so thorough are they in their work. I sat with them several

Sundays, and take it from me; I know.

There was never a laundry in existence that could send me home cleaner than those

birds do.

The guy that carried the bomb to 12th and Walnut the other Wednesday night must have become nervous and landed in the wrong building. About ten o'clock during the meeting we were very much surprised to hear and see the roof of the building on the opposite corner being blown up in the air and turning completely over. The following morning the papers stated that a gas pocket had formed causing the explosion.

I don't always consider as facts everything published by our daily press. They support some reporters that know less about more things than anyone you ever saw.

If anyone cares to know where the Reds landed in the National League during the season of 1922 just drop a card to A. Leibenrood, care of Local No. 212, as he is in a position to furnish the exact information.

I have been trying all evening to kid myself into believeing that a bad case of neuralgia was not so much to worry about, but I must admit now that it has me licked.

Remarking, as the old cat did when he backed into the lawn mower, "This is the end of my tale," I remain,

Fraternally yours,

L. U. NO. 288, WATERLOO, IOWA

Editor:

My letter in the August Worker was such an agreeable surprise that the boys asked me to keep it up. So here goes.

Bro. Earl "Red" Hanney failed to furnish me with a picture of his \$5 "puddle jumper,"

which is greatly to be regretted.

Bro. "Slim" Maddox dropped in on us for short stay. The boys all say, "Come again, 'Slim,' You are always welcome." He took his ticket for the wide, wide world.

Bro. Art Ford left for the west. He is

making his first stop at Omaha.

Bro. Tad Daws departed in a car for Oregon last July and we haven't heard from him since. The writer told him he would stake him to a feed if he got hungry; so will some brother buy him a stamp if he meets him.

Don't think there is a demand for men here, on account of the boys leaving. There sure isn't much doing on the inside here, and prospects for the winter aren't very rosy.

We are not crowded at our meetings. It's usually the same old crowd. President Bloom is regular, unless there is a fight on.

Our letter in August brought us a response from Brother Dusk, a charter member. He remembers the good old times.

Brother Strong took a ticket for Southern California. Brother Ash moved, his tool box of scrap iron over to the Waterloo Electric.

Well, "the duty is performed," so I'll close for this time.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. MEVIS, R. S.

L. U. NO. 308, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Editor

There hasn't been a letter in the WORKER from No. 308 for quite a long time, and this being my first letter, I will just write a few things concerning ourselves, and our future brothers, who may come to St. Petersburg.

For the last nine months No. 308 has been having a streak of hard luck. The building this year did not come up to the expectations of many, and consequently most of our men have been lucky to get steady work and many of them have left for other fields of adventure. The future looks very much like the past months, and any of the brothers who are planning to come South this year will be welcomed to the "Sunshine City," but they should bring enough money along to carry them over what looks like a very bad winter.

No. 308 hasn't any men involved in the railroad strike, but they sure are in sympathy with them, both morally and financially to the end.

We have succeeded in signing up the linemen of the local telephone and lighting company, and these brothers show a hearty union spirit. This is the first time the outside men of this town ever came in. Local 308 wishes the International Office all the good luck in the world in its present crisis, and we know it will come out on top, now, as it always did in the past.

I personally send my regards to Local No. 522, and I would like to hear from them sometime.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN O'HARE.

L. U. NO. 347, DES MOINES, IOWA

Editor:

I am a little previous this time. If I wait upon the returns of the coming elections, I am afraid my letter would not get to its destination in time, and being as this may be my last letter I am anxious to get it in, as I do not want to disappoint the worthy brothers for they are all anxious to get the Worker to peruse my comments and sayings of everything and everybody in general.

Well, to begin with, I sure hope everybody concerned will have done justice to themselves, the cause and the public by pulling the right levers this election. You cannot force a mule to drink, but you can drive him, but I hope nobody was mulish enough to have somebody drive him to vote, when it is a known fact that he or she

benefits by so doing.

Our Local Union is getting along famously in the course of reconstruction. Quite a number of new applicants who have gotten union inspirations as well as some of the old ex-members, who have thought things over, are toting permits about with them, and are working, thanks to our wor-

thy Business Agent Hobbs.

Our ninety day clause is on again. There would be no need of it being on again if it were not for our so-called Brother Carpenter. What are we going to do about these sawdust blockheads? Are we going to stand for these hombres maintaining their delegates to the Building Trades Council if they refuse to abide by the Building Trade Council's by-laws, rules and regulations? Every time anything comes up pertaining to the welfare of organizations belonging to this body, Brother Carpenter's plea is, "I must refer this matter to our International, before we can do anything." That is a dandy slug to throw into moving machinery. Yes, and John Carpenter throws quite a large number of them. Two years ago, while there was a jurisdictional dispute in progress, one of the fat jowled sawdust worms, made the statement that the carpenters' organization was strong enough to control everything. Hell's fire, are they not trying it? They certainly are. By not belonging to the Building Trades Council of the A. F. of L., that little item known as the Board of Jurisdictional Awards is sticking in their craws and seems, according to them, to be holding them back from work that belongs to them. Everything is claimed by them. They want

to claim all the laborer's work; part of the iron worker's; some of the plumber's; all of the roofer's; part of the electrician's, and in remote places, all of it. Even steal the material off the electricians to do the jobs with.

Again, why do the delegates of the Trades and Labor Assembly recognize these chips of kindling? Why, they even have to refer to their General Office matters regarding the payment of their per capita on our State newspaper, namely the "Lowe Unionist." Get busy, you union men; wage war upon these slabs of hard oak; force them back into the Building Trades Council of the A. F. of L.; make them recognize your organizations and their obligations. They are worse than scabs. They are doing their darndest to disrupt organized labor. I believe their representatives have sold their souls to the Chambers of Commerce. You, union men, must stand together and start to do something, and do it now.

I am going to reproduce part of an item I read in an A. P. A. paper regarding William Sunday, nee Billy, with some stuff

tossed in by myself.

Billy had called upon our head executive earlier in the day. He said, "The President put his arm around my shoulder." (It must be great to have some notable put his arm about one's shoulder. Wonder how it would feel? Well, if President Harding did that to me, it would not cause me to waste my vote upon him if he runs again.) He continued: "and said to me, Billy, glad to see you; you never want anything from me." He looked as if he needed cheering up. (The only ones that could cheer him up would be the stand-patters or votestraighters.) Then Billy said he was going to send him a turkey from his farm for Thanksgiving. (Well, in my estimation a turkey ofttimes causes indigestion and as for assisting in cheering up our head Executive it may do the reverse.) Well, Billy preached; yes, he was preaching on

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DR. R. NEWMAN, Licensed Physician 286 Fifth Avenue, New York, Desk H-501 law enforcement (I wonder if he had read the Hon. LaFollette's great address before the Annual Convention of the A. F. of L., June 14, 1922. Apparently not.) and the old time religion in mauve spats and a natty polka dot tie.

Then he goes on with some more of his observations: "America needs Americanizing." Leave it to the union organizations, Billy; they are taking this matter up where our boys of the World War left off. They are doing this kind of work every day, teaching the rank and file what true Americanism is, taking them out of bondage and making real honest-to-God humans out of them.

Then he goes on to say that Turkey would be in hell if he had anything to do with it. Conceded, Billy, I would gladly help put them there. He further says: "Trotzky and Lenine are black-hearted cutthroats." Probably, Billy, they are; but we cannot believe all the press says. Let's give them a chance. Then he says this is going to be some United States. That's a known fact, when 1924 comes around. We all knew that.

Then says he, "We have made Americanism too cheap. We are in the throes of an anti-American paroxysm." 'Don't cheat yourself, Billy. Americanism was dearly bought since 1917, but reimbursement has not been made yet. Did you ever hear about the soldier bonus? It's not anti-American to fight for something that is really ours. Wake up, Billy, and come again; the Chambers of Commerce and Wall Street truly love your words and are spellbound with admiration for you, while we are the same in some things, but not all.

Then he says: "Labor is controlled by the reds." When did you get all this information? The only labor that is controlled by the reds is non-organized and not educated as to the real meaning of liberty and justice to all.

Then he says: "If the devil were their daddy. Emma Goldman their mother and hell their birthplace, the red would be a dishonor to all of them." This is a fine statement for a man of God to make when he is supposed to make it his business to uplift mankind. I have not much use for a man who refuses to be shown the right path to travel, but is that any reason why I should drive a knife into his heart? Give him a real education. That's what he needs. Let it soak in, then like a worm he will turn, as the saying goes, not for the bad, but for the good. Put a curb on Wall Street and the Chambers of Commerce, Mr. Sunday, and let organized labor have leeway, and I will promise you he will come around O. K. We'll make real Americans out of all of them; not slaves. You, Sunday, sell a person something, ask one price. If he wants it he will pay your price; if not, would you sell it to him under your previous offer? Apparently you would not. Well, under the same rule, don't you think this person has a right to barter his bodily strength for his price? Have you any right as an American to force him to accept what you wish to pay? You have not. Then don't call them reds. Educate them and let us do the rest. We know what constitutes a real American.

Then he says, "There will be no red in our flag without the white and blue." Apparently not, Billy; what chance is there for it to happen? If it would come to pass, it would have happened a year ago. There are almost five million true, loyal blooded souls belonging to the A. F. of L., and I may say that many at least belonging to the American Legion who claim the blue and white will stay with the red.

Then he says: "Labor is said to be against the eighteenth amendment." It is, Billy, the same as a lot of God-fearing women folks I know of. They would rather see their men folks get drunk on the real stuff and bring home some of their earnings than give it all to some bootlegger for some of the rankest, most filthy concoction, of which the Devil himself has lost the recipe, that would make a human being go murdering mad, or one might say, it's a good way of committing suicide; you get drunk and you die happy. Then besides, Billy, the courts you preach of for law enforcement take in the revenue from off these bootleggers, and protect them, instead of our Uncle Sam, who has a lot of need for this income to pay off his debts to the boys who are alive today, who fought to save America from foreign glory and to keep the blue and white in our flag.

He says, "Gompers is against it, but Gompers does not represent labor." certainly is, Billy, just like all the rest of us, and as for him representing labor upon this question he most assuredly does. What do you suppose we, the rank and file of organized labor, pay him for, if not to represent labor?

Then he closes and says that "Sam is a friend of mine, too, mind you." I suppose he is, Billy, everybody is, even to poker players; they all love the joker; but whenever you talk upon the labor question, and need a little education along that line, come up and we will give you an armload of pointers and an abundance of food for thought that you can take to your farm up in Oregon and preach to the turkeys; they'll get fat on it. You won't be very well liked by Wall Street if you preach what you have found out of us.

Well, Billy, "Live and let live," as the saying goes, and when you deviate from the course of religion better get a little more educated along the other lines. Your sayings are very trite, and ticklish, but they fail to drive home any points.

Well, Bill, I have ridden you enough, so

will go on with something else.

Hello, L. U. No. 100, of Fresno, Calif. What's wrong with you and the mailed fist? What about the majority, or haven't you any red-blooded men in your Local? As you say, maybe the first shot will make

them sit up and take notice. You've spoiled your baby boy by paying him over the scale to handle your business end. Better get one of the executives from the International Office: they will be glad to tackle the job for \$55 per year round, rain, or shine, with all the rest thrown in, and won't give you half as much trouble. Maybe you are in the minority, or maybe again he weighs 275 pounds and has a neck like a bull. Want to know how to handle 'em? Get a brand new length of half-inch pipe; not gas pipe-that would be against the rules -but conduit; and use his neck for a bender. That's a good formula; but still you'd better wait and see how your shot hit the other brothers. Maybe the "kink" will abdicate or perhaps be deposed. I think myself this hombre is getting too much. Got half a notion to make application for the job meself. Fifty-five bones, Gee! S'lot of kail for one hombre to get. Cut down his salary, and have a smoker once in awhile, or give him a vacation twice per year. That will make him draw into his shell when he has to hunt for grub. If you want to give him notoriety, I'll give him lots. But let's wait and see if you made a hit. Good luck, um! Fresno, Calif., where the grapes grow, act; lots of smokers on \$55 per. "Wat do yer wanna worry about a B. A. fer?" Forget it. Lot's of smokers, oh, boy!

I'd like to tell something about No. 347 but I am afraid it will make them sore. They are like a bunch of hornets when they are stirred up, so I guess I won't stir 'em up.

Not many letters in the October issue of the WORKER-nine, that's all, out of 1,115 Locals. Somebody's got to write "sumfin" or our magazine will die of starvation. So get busy you press secretaries.

Fraternally,

C. F. FROHNE.

L. U. NO. 462, WAYCROSS, GA.

Editor:

Our press secretary being out of the city I will try to tell some of the things that have taken place in this city since the strike was called July 1. We are having our troubles in more ways than one. Just a few days ago we had two of our boys taken from their homes at the late hour of 2 a. m. and placed in jail for the night. Warrant was issued by a negro who swore to false statements charging them with assault. When the case was called Mr. Negro could not be found.

Just to show the way they are treating the strikers, all that is necessary for one to do is talk loud or make a remark and at 2 a. m. in jail you go; \$2,000 bonds. All of us have always tried to be law-abiding citizens, but very hard to convince some of the folks who believed newspaper reports of the Labor Board branding us as outlaws. Thank goodness we are still law-abiding men.

We are holding our mass meetings daily at 10 a. m.; open with song services and prayer. The meetings are open to the public. We are trying hard to convert some of our good merchants who have gathered the grapes these past years from the strikers. They claim our cause is unjust and have cut off all credit. Trying to put us out in the street just to make more goats out of the scaley trade, but so far we have braved the past four months. We have established a commissary and any one who came out, union or non-union, is not refused rations, and with the help we expect to receive from the International Office we hope to be able to pay our rent, and keep fighting until we get so low as bread and water to make the Railroad Company realize their mistake in locking us out.

So far we have had one member to desert the ranks and from his looks he is sure repenting. All of his once good friends shun him like a snake and his head is always down. I think the balance of the bunch have taken him as a lesson, and don't think we will have any more desertions.

I hope the boys who are now working will realize the handicap we boys who are located in the small towns are up against. No work of any kind available and if you respond to the call of the International Office we will stick and fight. Having spent a greater part of our lives with the Railroad Company it is hard to break up our families and hunt a new job, which we must do if help is not obtained. The boys of No. 462 wish it to be known if we are fortunate in returning to our old jobs we will be willing to give seven days' pay to the cause. So, brothers, do your best. We will stick and fight if you help financially.

Hope my next letter will have better news, for I realize it is hard for the boys to hear of our bad luck. With proper cooperation we will win the fight.

> J. W. YERKES, Press Secretary.

L. U. NO. 791, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Editor:

We have now been on the bricks for 110 days and the men of Local Union No. 791 are willing to stay out 110 more days if necessary to win this strike. The longer

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E. R. Page 307-B Page Bidg., Marshall, Mich. we stay out the greater will be the lesson we teach the railroad companies. I believe we have lost about ten men who were in good standing besides the ones who didn't come out. The members who were in good standing and failed to come out July 1 will number not over four. The ones who have returned to work and were not members of our Local are fifteen in number.

On June 30 there were about 14,900 men employed on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, who came out July 1, and to date not over 435 have returned to work. So you can see that we are standing mighty good on the hard-boiled Louisville & Nashville.

I am sorry to say that I live in Louisville, as every one on the face of the globe knows how "scabby" this town is. Out of the number that have returned to work Louisville is the home of nine-tenths of them. There is one thing that I can feel proud of, though, and that is that some of our membership is located at a little town up in the mountains. I know you have heard of Little Corbin, Ky. If you haven't then some one has been asleep. All the other points on the Louisville & Nashville are just about the same as Corbin, with the exception of Nashville, and that town is inclined to be like this "scabby" burg.

I will say that we made a progressive move when the strike committee succeeded in getting the Gayety Theater to hold our meetings in as it was the only place available, outside the Tabernacle on Broadway, that we could meet in altogether, and they wanted \$100 a meeting for that, but we got the Gayety for nothing.

Here of late we have been getting some mighty fine speakers at our meetings. I will mention some of them: Brother Brown, of the machinists; Dr. Cox of Corbin, Ky.; Attorney Hay, of Ravenna, Ky.; Brother Nicholson, of the machinists, a brother off the Pennsy system—I don't remember his name; Rev. Campbell, of Ravenna, Ky.; Brother Carle, of the machinists; a big bunch of the home talent, and last, but not least, Kate Richards O'Hara.

The last-named speaker has been speaking in Kentucky the last few weeks for the Farmer-Labor Party, and I want to say right now she sure is a whang. If there are any of you who have never heard her talk, don't miss the first chance you have to hear her.

The Farmer-Labor Party is our only hope to ever get very far. If we don't use the ballot box as it should be used, and elect our friends and defeat our enemies, then the devil take us, for we are not fit to be hung. The old parties must be a thing of the past, for if we elect the Democrats we have strikes and money wars, and if we elect the Republicans we have strikes or industrial wars, and injunctions.

I suppose some of you will say that I am a Socialist, radical, bolshevist, and I hope you do, for a Socialist means "an advocate of Socialism," and Socialism means "an economic theory or system of reconstruction of

society on the basis of cooperation of labor and community of property."

Radical means "extreme," or one who goes to the roots of things. God knows we should get at the roots of the capitalist tree and turn them around a little so that we may reap some of the fruit. Bolshevik means "the many and not the few," and it is the few that are served by our present form of government and not the many.

You hear them holler about poor old Soviet Russia. Why are they hollering about Russia? Because it is in the hands of labor, the big majority of the working class are made to believe by the money man that Soviet means something awful. Here's what it means. Soviet means "People's council or Committee." Isn't that awful?

Read what Frank Walsh has to say in the Louisville American Labor paper, and then you will agree with me and wish that this was Russia.

We are going to send three men from Kentucky to Washington next election. One is a trainman, one a tailor, and the other belongs to the shopcrafts. All three are union men from the core out and we can expect a square deal from them. The trainman is Brother Seavy; the tailor, Herman Young, and the shopman is no other than Mose Bryant, the chairman of the striking shopmen at Ravenna, Ky. He is the man that the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company tried to buy out for \$25,000. They only wanted 100 men for that amount of mondy. Holliday was the agent who made the offer, but he didn't get Mose to sell.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company also tried to buy our chairman here at Louisville. All he had to do was to tell the strikers that the strike was lost and he would receive \$15,000.

We had a wonderful mass meeting last Sunday night at the Gayety Theater. All three floors were full. There wasn't a seat to be had and there were people standing in the aisles. Brother Nicholson gave us a wonderful talk on the strike situation, going back to 1915 and explaining how the strike was brought about. He challenged the Louisville & Nashville officials, lawyers, ministers, or any one who would deny his statements to an open debate. He denied that we were fighting our Government but said that we were fighting the English government, as the L. & N. was controlled by English capital.

He also spoke about the press, saying that we could not get a square deal from them, which we all know. He told of how during the war the press tried to make us believe that the Kaiser of Germany was so horrible that he cut off the arms of little children, gouged the eyes out of old men, and cut off the breasts of the women, and now they will pay him \$400,000 to write the memoirs of the Kaiser, and try to make us believe now that he is a great hero or something. They must think we are a bunch of fools, sure enough.

Well, boys, as I am on picket duty at Scanlon's coal office and the noise from these old rattle trap engines are about to drive me mad and have upset my mind so that I can't think of anything else to write at this time, I guess I had better close before I make a botch of the whole letter. But before I close I want to ask you boys to get busy and write a few lines for the JOURNAL. Surely if I can write while on picket duty you boys who are not on strike and don't have to do picket duty, can find time to write. I know that some of you who are on strike have a few spare moments that could be used in writing. Let's hear from all.

With best wishes and good luck to all the Brotherhood, I am, Fraternally yours,

L. E. HAGAN.

"Friends"

If you had all the lands and gold It's possible for man to hold, And if on top of that could claim The greatest sum of earthly fame; Yet had to live from day to day Where never human came your way, You'd trade the gold you had to spend To hear the greeting of a friend.

'Tis friends alone that make us rich, Not marble busts in glory's niche, Not money, wisdom, strength or skill With happiness our lives can fill. With all these we still should sigh If never neighbor happened by And no one shared from sun to sun The honors that our work has won.

For fame is born of others' lips, Friends pour the wine the victor sips; And friends make rich the yellow gold By which all earthly wealth is told. Possession nothing means unless, We share the Joys that we possess, Paste is the brightest gem we own If we must know its charms alone.

What joys could come from splendid deeds That no one ever cheers or heeds? Fame would be empty and absurd, If of it no one ever heard.

The richest man, without a friend, Is poor with all he has to spend. Alone, with all that could be had, A human being would be sad.

Not in ourselves does fortune lie, Nor in the things that gold can buy. The words of praise that please us well, The lips of other men must tell; And honor, on which joy depends, Is but the verdict of our friends. All happiness that man can know, The friends about him must bestow.

Oh! my friends, it's best you think, Before a job in the shops you take; For friendship is the highest goal, On this earth that man can hold. Our children of today, let's raise to be men, So the powers that be, cannot put in the pen, Honor, joy, happiness, let's swell, For a man who scabs, had better be in hell.

L. E. HAGAN.

The United States, under the international agreement for maintaining communication south of the Great Wall of China, is obligated to defend with force, against all comers, a section of the Peking-Mukden railway.

NOTICES

This is to advise all members of the strike of linemen and inside men at Fitchburg, Mass. E. J. CUSHING, President, Local Union No. 256.

If this comes to the attention of Whitney Wood formerly of New Haven, Conn., or anyone knowing his whereabouts, it will be appreciated if they will communicate with H. O. Wyatt, 215 Meadow Street, New Haven, Conn., as his mother has not heard from him in over six months.



Left to Right-ENID, FLOYD AND BLANCHE BOSTON

CLEVELAND, O.—"Please, daddy, come home," is the pleading message that Blanche Ruth Boston, 5, and Enid Louise Boston, 3, wish to radio to Floyd Boston, their father, who has disappeared. The little girls live with their mother, Mrs. Myra Boston, at 2209 West 103d Street, Cleveland. Boston is an electrical worker, and has been gone for several months. Investigators of the American Civic Reform Union, Cleveland, are engaged in a nation-wide search to find the missing man. Boston is 38 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighs 170 pounds, is smooth shaven and has a peculiar curve in both lips.



MISCELLANEOUS



SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 3

GEO. W. WOOMER

OVEMBER first finds the number of railroads settling under the Jewell-Willard plan increased to 102 and more being added every week. The "Standard Railroad of the World" is still among those not settled and from present indications will remain among that class for some time. There is one thing very certain, that is, there will be no settlement until Atterbury changes his position regarding how the strikers must come back.

We are glad to state that the men who came out for the purpose of securing the right to deal with the Pennsylvania as organized men are holding firm. Very few desertions are being reported and they are scattered. The conditions these few have had to accept when they returned have been the means of strengthening those who remain out. They must sign an application as a new employee and lose all former rights. Their passes, which many of them prize more than a 10 per cent wage increase, have not been returned to them, they being required to work six months before being eligible for a trip pass. Those over 45 years of age are accepted on probation for six months and must re-hire after that. At some points they must place a written resignation from the organization in the hands of the local official before going to work. Piecework is in effect at practically all points and many of them can't earn 50 cents per hour. Then to top it off, they must work with the imported "scabs" and see them holding preferred jobs over them. Is it any wonder many have quit after a short stay and others are trying to get right with the men still on strike, making the excuse that conditions were misrepresented to them? They forgot to take into consideration the fact that the "scab" or foreman who painted such rosy pictures about the conditions was receiving \$100 for every man he brought in, and naturally he wasn't interested in making the picture too exact. As one fore-man said, he did not get his vacation this summer and now he was going after five

men so he could use the \$500 for the vacation. So far everything on this system is in our favor. The condition of equipment continues to get worse. The movement of freight is getting slower right along. Wrecks are increasing. The business interests are beginning to cry out about the service, particularly building contractors. Not only do they recognize that the Pennsylvania is falling down on freight movement, but they also recognize that this slow movement is caused by the failure of the road to settle with the shopmen. Coal mines served by the Pennsylvania have been working only two and three days per week on account of car shortage and lack of power to move them. There are numerous cases where freight has taken four and five weeks to get to points 100 miles away. These conditions, which are the same all over the system, show us the strike is becoming more effective and the odds are on our side. Also the fact that the net earnings of the Pennsylvania for August were \$1,267,912 less than for June. Even Atterbury may find some trouble continuing the fight at that rate.

The length of the fight and the final results are in the hands of the men on strike. If they will continue the fight with a determination to win, regardless of how long it takes, there can be no doubt of the outcome. On the other hand, if they believe the stories of the scabs seeking a bonus, and desert in any great number, the railroad can continue indefinitely. There is only one way to win: stay out and continue the fight.

We are finding an increasing demand for assistance as the strike continues and cold weather approaches. Those members who have returned to work should not delay in paying the day's pay assessment each pay day. The settlement on your roads will not mean much if some of those now out are not settled on the same terms. You put in some money and we will continue the fight to the end, the end being the end of Atterbury and his kind.

RADIO HEALTH HINTS

KEEPING WELL IN COLD WEATHER

DR. HERMANN M. BIGGS, New York State Commissioner of Health

At the beginning of the summer we gave a health talk on "Keeping Well in Hot Weather." With the fall and winter approaching we wish to make a few suggestions regarding keeping well in cold weather. Every year, just as regularly as the change of season causes people to close their windows, diseases of the air passages, such as common colds, bronchitis, tonsilitis and pneumonia, begin to show a marked increase. The reason for this is plain. With the windows open we get a circulation of fresh air containing a sufficient amount of moisture, or humidity as it is called. But with the windows closed, unless care is taken to secure proper ventilation, the air of the house soon becomes vitiated and unfit to breathe. Moreover with our modern methods of heating the air soon becomes a great deal drier than the air of the Sahara desert. This dry air takes the moisture from the nose, throat and bronchial tubes, irritating these surfaces so that they are not in a condition to repel any disease organism that may be inhaled or taken into the mouth. Then in addition to living under these conditions which make us more susceptible to throat and nose disorders, in cold weather we are much more apt to go into close, unventilated, crowded halls, theatres and street cars and thus get infected from other people especially when they cough and sneeze at us.

To avoid these cold weather diseases, we should try to approach summer conditions as near as possible. First of all, we should ventilate our homes regularly and systematically. One window opened a few inches at the bottom to let fresh air in and another opened a few inches at the top to let the foul air out will do wonders in keeping the air fresh. If your rooms are not so arranged that this can be done without creating a draft, try opening several windows or a door for a few minutes twice a day. Also be sure to sleep with your chamber window open wide at night, and thoroughly air your room in the morning.

Probably the greatest fault of modern houses is the lack of any provision for furnishing humidity or moisture to the air during the time we are using artificial heat. With the old-fashioned coal range or air tight stove it was possible to keep a kettle of water steaming most of the time. Today with steam and hot water heating the problem is a difficult one and even with the hot air furnace, the water pot is usually inadequate in size. But moisture in the air we must have if we want to avoid dry, irritated throats. Remember, also, that moist air at 68 feels warmer than dry air at 72. so by finding a way to humidify the air of your home you will not only be advancing your health but lowering your coal bill. Various devices that attach to radiators are on the market but any receptacle placed on the radiator and kept filled with water will serve the purpose.

Don't forget to take brisk daily outdoor exercise to keep well in cold weather. Only a few of the lower animals such as the bear can successfully hibernate.

Cold water thrown on chest and throat night and morning, followed by brisk rubbing and exercise has helped many people to withstand sudden changes of temperature. Better still, accustom yourself to a cold plunge followed by a brisk rub down and

Besides keeping ourselves in good physical shape and our living conditions right we must also take pains to avoid becoming infected from those having coughs, colds or other diseases of the air passages. The common cold is an infectious disease and often is the forerunner of other diseases such as pneumonia. Avoid them by avoiding the discharges from the noses and throats of other people. A sneeze or cough, unguarded by the handkerchief, will infect the air for many feet from the offender. Many colds, too, are caught by the common but dirty habit of wetting the fingers with the tongue.

To sum up, keep well in cold weather by breathing fresh, moist air, both when asleep and awake, by getting plenty of exercise and by avoiding in so far as possible inhaling or taking into the mouth and nose discharges of others.

A Song for Labor

(Air, "Rally Round the Flag") Oh, come rally from the workshop, the factory, and the store, Chanting the fearless song of labor,

And make the welkin ring, as it often rang

before, When tyrants arose to degrade her The union forever, it's noble and divine, It makes no distinction in color, creed or clime To free the flag and family from boodle and combine

Join in the holy cause of labor.

The toilers of our land, their liberties to save, Now battle for the rights of union labor. The corporation lawyers and the trusts who would enslave

The free born sons of union labor. In seventeen seventy-six brave Patrick Henry cries

"Give me liberty or death,"

Again it must arise, Defend the home and family while the flag of freedom flies,

Chanting the noble song of labor.

So unroll the starry banner that our noble

Lincoln bore
Preserving the bonds of our nation,
And like thunder o'er the mountains let the

voice of freedom soar
Demanding the rights of federation.
Our brotherhood forever, our flag and family;
To cherish and protect them is the right that
makes us free

To elevate humanity and spread fraternity. Join the great fearless band of labor.

Hear the doleful cry of sorrow, through the nation loud it rings,
Calling on the fearless sons of labor
To destroy the dens of manmon, where the

profiteering kings

Live on the sweat and blood of labor.

Then hurrah for the union!—its works are most sublime
Hurrah for the leaders! now in the battle line.
On the brotherhood of man may the sun of freedom shine

Guarding the noble ranks of labor.

PATRICK KANE, Local Union No. 9.



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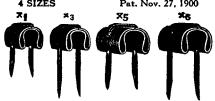
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